



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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| 10 th Sunday after Pentecost | 8.00am | Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10.00am | Mass – Int. People of the parish |
| Monday <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am | Mass |
| Tuesday <i>St Bernard</i> | 9.30am | Mass |
| Wednesday <i>St Pius X</i> | NO MASS | |
| Thursday <i>The Queenship of the BVM.</i> | 6.00pm | Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 7.00pm | Mass |
| Friday <i>Feria</i> | 9.00am | Mass |
| Saturday ST BARTHOLOMEW | 9.30am | Mass |
| | 10.15am – 11.00am | Confession |
| SUNDAY 25 th August – 11 th Sunday after Pentecost | 8.00am | Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10.00am | Mass – Int. People of the parish |



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Is taking a summer break. It will return in September.

There are sheets with images of today's Gospel for children to colour available in the porch. Please take one and some colouring pens for the children to use during Mass.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR TRAVELLERS

All-powerful and merciful God,
you led the children of Israel on dry land,
parting the waters of the sea;
you guided the Magi to your Son by a star.
Help these our brothers and sisters and give them a safe journey.
Under your protection let them reach their destination
and come at last the eternal heaven of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord remain constantly at our side
and in this mercy guide our journey
in ways that are pleasing to him.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in
The Guild Room after both of
our Sunday Masses.
All are welcome!

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Hebrews, the author calls upon Christians to fix their eyes on Jesus so that they may carry on Christ's work in the world. As *Lumen gentium* states, Christ continues his work through the People of God. "Christ, the great Prophet, who proclaimed the Kingdom of his Father. . . continually fulfils his prophetic office . . . not only through the hierarchy . . . but also through the laity whom he made his witnesses and to whom he gave understanding of the faith . . . Calling on people to evangelise, Pope Jon Paul II pointed out that Christ is with the People of God as they reach out to bring the news of him to others. "With the command to evangelise which the Risen Lord left to his Church there goes the certitude . . . that he continues to live and work among us. . . At the same time, this presence enables us to encounter him, as the Son sent by the Father, as the Lord of Life who gives us his Spirit. A fresh encounter with Jesus Christ will make all the members of the Church in America aware that they are called to continue the Redeemer's mission in their lands" (7).
The Gospel reading speaks of the earth being set on fire. Earlier in Luke (3:16), John the Baptist states that one is coming who will baptise with "the Holy Spirit and fire." The document *Aparecida* notes that the People of God allow the Spirit to guide and strengthen them. "The Church as marked and sealed 'with Holy Spirit and fire,' continues the work of the Messiah, opening the gates of salvation for the believer" (151).

At the 10am Mass today, we welcome and Baptise **Francesca Andres**. We congratulate her, her parents, Conrado and Nancy, and brother Matteo. Along with her godparents. **Francesca is being baptised into the faith of our Catholic community here at Our Lady's. It is our shared responsibility to support and encourage Francesca, her parents and godparents in this task.**

Our Lady's School Alumni Group

The Governors of Our Lady's School would like to build an alumni network for the School. We believe that there are many former pupils who would like to maintain contact both with Our Lady's School and with their former classmates. If you would be interested in being part of such a group please email deacondavidcurtis@gmail.com.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,

7th October 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Birmingham or Stansted, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment/ guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room sup. £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

PASTORAL AREA PARISH SOCIAL – FEAST OF ST AIDAN

On the afternoon of **Sunday 1st September**, there will be a Pastoral Area Walk followed by a barbecue in St Aidan's parish grounds to celebrate the Feast of St Aidan. **Walk starting at 2.00pm with the BBQ around 4.00pm.** If you are not wanting or able to walk you are still welcome at the BBQ. **Please sign up on the sheet in the porch so we know how many to expect – deadline for this will be Sunday 25th August.** There will be no charge for this event but we will be taking donations on the day. Please see the poster in the porch for more information. If you can help, either as a marshal on the walk or with the BBQ, please let Deirdre know: deirdre.lay@btinternet.com or 01494 764306. Thank you.

Lectionary for Mass

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" These words in the Gospel (Luke 12:49-53) cause us to take notice. How does Jesus as the Prince of Peace square with Jesus who brings discord and division to the world? Throughout the Old Testament, fire symbolises God's presence. In the desert, Moses discovers God's presence in the burning bush (Exodus 3:2). In Elijah's great battle with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, God's fire consumed Elijah's sacrifice. At Pentecost, flames of fire appeared over the heads of the Apostles symbolising the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The symbol of fire also bears with it the power to purify. When the fire of God's Spirit fills our hearts, we are purified of selfishness and whatever is not compatible with a relationship with God. In the process of purification, we experience the pain of separation from what has divided us from God.

Commitment to Jesus bears consequences. It brings about division from those who are opposed to Jesus. The heart of Jesus' message is that our relationship with him is the most significant relationship of all.

Today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-4) reiterates the Gospel theme that our relationship with Jesus is the most important aspect in our lives. The author compares life's journey to a race we are running. On the race of life, we are called, as any runner is, to keep our eyes fixed on the goal, the prize. We are "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

Liturgy and Life

(1) When have you relied on God to be your help and deliverer? (2) What do you need to do to fix your eyes more on Christ? (3) How could your parish take a step towards becoming a blazing fire that shows Christ's love?

NURSE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are a locally based (HCPT) pilgrimage group, offering annual adult pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes. Our pilgrims are mostly local, some being ill or disabled. Our current group nurse is retiring from nursing. Do you know of, or are you, a registered nurse, who could travel with us this year from 20th to 27th September? We have a wider group of loyal helpers, our current nurse will be there for guidance, and although your medical skillset is critical, the nursing duties are minimal. We will pay all your travel and full board accommodation costs. So if you would be able to help, or would like to know more, please contact Mike Drake (phone number 07919991737, email mikeandli04@talktalk.net), or John Wolff, (phone number 01494-785496, email jpawolff@talktalk.net).

Welcome to The Farm Folk Music Festival. A fundraiser with and for homeless women and children at **The Catholic Worker Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde, Herts, WD3 9XJ. Bank Holiday Weekend, August 23rd-26th.** Thirty amazing local bands! For more details contact us on 07983 477819 or look at www.farmfest.info

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £189.33

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly from your bank, speak to Fr Andy.

The AUGUST 2019 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. It's free of charge!

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome! Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.